

OM ॐ or ॐम्

(HI) óm [p= 235,3] [L=40704] ind. (√av Un2.i, 141 ; originally om̐ = ām̐ , which may be derived from ā BRD.), **a word of solemn affirmation and respectful assent , sometimes translated by "yes , verily , so be it "** (and in this sense compared with Amen ; it is placed at the commencement of most Hindu works , and as a sacred exclamation may be uttered [but not so as to be heard by ears profane] at the beginning and end of a reading of the vedas or previously to any prayer ; it is **also regarded as a particle of auspicious salutation [Hail!]** ; om appears first in the upaniṣads as a mystic monosyllable , and is there set forth as the object of profound religious meditation , the highest spiritual efficacy being attributed not only to the whole word but also to the three sounds a , u , m , of which it consists ; in later times om is the mystic name for the Hindu triad , and represents the union of the three gods , viz. a (viṣṇu) , u (śiva) , m (brahmā) ; it may also be typical of the three vedas ; **om is usually called praṇava , more rarely akṣara , or ekākṣara** , and only in later times omkāra) VS. S3Br. ChUp. &c

Buddhists place om at the beginning of their vidyā ṣaḍakṣarī or mystical formulary in six syllables [viz. om maṇi padme hūṃ] ; according to T. om may be used in the following senses: praṇave , ārambhe , svīkāre , anumatau , apā*kr̥tau , asvīkāre , maṅgale , śubhe , jñeye , brahmaṇi ; with preceding a or ā , the o of om does not form vṛddhi (au) , but guṇa
- Monier-Williams, page 235

What is *your* way of saying YES to life, to the ongoing shout of exuberance that is the universe?